



Environmental Affairs Board

Meeting Notes

2-25-03 ■ 6:00 p.m.
Committee Room
Second Floor, City Hall

Members Present: Will Anderson, Jerad Bales, Kathi Beratan, Ahrash Bissell, Joseph Jackson, Marian Johnson-Thompson, Judy Kincaid, Samantha Miller, and Dock Terrell

Members Absent: Ray Eurquhart(E)

Staff Present: David McCary, William Sun, Doug Vaughn, Alex Waddell, and Glen Whisler

Guests Present: John Peng, Chris Wu, and Valeria Orozco

Last Months Meeting Notes. Kathi Beratan made a motion to approve the notes for the December meeting. The motion was seconded by Ahrash Bissell and approved with all ayes.

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Update. At today's meeting the 2020 Plan policies that are in place now were discussed. Joe asked the board members to fill out a survey distributed at the Steering Committee meeting and to return the results to him before the next meeting scheduled for March 25th.

Environmental Indicators. Joe Jackson presented the Environmental Indicators report at the City Council work session on January 30, 2003. He felt there was a luke warm response to the presentation. There was a concern about why the data collected was from 2001 and not 2002. David McCary said the City of Durham is developing performance measures that should tie in with the budget implications and data collection required by the indicators. Judy will draft a letter to Councilman Best and Commissioner Reckhow requesting them to keep the Environmental Indicators in mind during the budget process.

EAB Outreach. As a part of educating the public, the board is developing an environmental message for use in a brochure as well as web page. Glen Whisler said the County of Durham had recently revamped their web page and he would ask about adding the Environmental Indicators report and some other EAB information.

Earth Day. The City of Durham, EPA, and Duke University are all sponsoring Earth Day activities in April. After some discussion, it was suggested that EAB integrate their activities with the City of Durham and others. This would include distribution of the brochure being discussed. Kathi asked who would be providing money for the printing of the brochure for this event. David said he would be able to do that for the Board. David also mentioned that, due to the small number of applicants, the DIVERT awards program has been revised to broaden its scope.

Workgroups. A workgroup consisting of Joe, Samantha and Dock will work with the City of Durham and County of Durham to help determine what budget requirements may be needed for data collection for future environmental indicators reports. Another workgroup consisting of Kathi, Ahrash, and Will will refine the ideas submitted by the Board members as they develop the outreach message to be included in the brochure with EAB's mission.

Student Presentation. John Peng and Chris Wu talked about a system to map the relationships between decisions made and the impacts on the natural environment. They are hoping to interview some of the Board members.

Adjournment. Joe made a motion adjourn. The motion was seconded by Samantha and approved with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Waddell, Planner